

Notice of Allowability

Application No.

10/647,705

Examiner

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Applicant(s)

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1. ☒ This communication is responsive to the amendment filed on 10/18/07.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1,4-12,15-17,20-28 and 30-35.
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
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4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
 5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
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6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☒ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO/SB/08),
Paper No./Mail Date 1/2/08
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
6. ☒ Interview Summary (PTO-413),
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7. ☒ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____.


FRANTZ B. JEAN
PRIMARY EXAMINER

This office action is in response to Applicants' response filed on 10/18/07. Claims 1-35 are pending in the application.

Information Disclosure Statement

The information disclosure statement (IDS) submitted on 1/02/08 is in compliance with the provisions of 37 CFR 1.97. Accordingly, the information disclosure statement is being considered by the examiner.

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Bruce D Jobse on 1/4/08 and 1/07/08.

The application has been amended as follows: Claim 1, part c) after memory, please insert --order--;

Part d) after reference thereon; please delete "and";

Part e) delete "generating" and insert -- printing--; before separate please insert --with a process--; before greeting card please insert --printing of the--;

Part f) after determine please delete "relationship therebetween", then insert -- if said references match the order data--and insert --

(g) combining the gift card with the personalized greeting card; and

(h) shipping the gift card combined with the personalized greeting card to a designated recipient--.

Claim 8, After the method of claim, please delete "2", then insert -1--;

Claim 9, After the method of claim, please delete "2", then insert -1--;

Claim 12, after maintain please insert -order--;

Part e) after data; please delete "and";

Part f) after reference, delete "are associated" then, insert -match at least a portion of the order data;

(g) combining the gift card with the personalized greeting card, if the personalized greeting card represented by the read greeting card reference data and gift card represented by the gift card reference match the order data; and

(h) shipping the gift card with the personalized greeting card to a designated recipient, if the personalized greeting card represented by the read greeting card reference data and gift card represented by the gift card reference match at least a portion of the order data—

Claim 17, part a) after maintain please insert -order--;

Part b) please delete "generating" and insert -printing--;

Part c) after initiate please delete "generation" and insert -printing--;

After personalized greeting card please insert -with a process--; after from the printing of the, please delete "greeting";

Part d) after determine if, please delete "a relationship exists therebetween" then, insert -
if said references match at least a portion of the order data;

(e) combining the gift card with the personalized greeting card, if said references match the order data;

(f) shipping the gift card with the personalized greeting card to a designated recipient, if said references match at least a portion of the order data.--.

Claim 24, part a) after maintaining in memory, please insert -order--;

Part c) after reference thereon; please delete "and";

Part d) after determine if, please delete "a relationship therebetween", then insert -- if said references match at least a portion of the order data;

- (e) combining the gift card with the personalized greeting card; and
- (f) shipping the gift card combined with the personalized greeting card to a designated recipient.—

Claim 28, part b) after maintaining in memory, please insert --order--;
Part c) after data reference thereon; please delete "and";
Part d) delete "generating", then, insert --printing--; after sequence and , please insert --as a process--; after greeting card data reference thereon; delete "and".
Part e) after gift cards to determine, please delete " a relationship therebetween", then, insert --

if said references match at least a portion of the same order data; and;
(f) combining the gift card with the personalized greeting card, if the personalized greeting card represented by the greeting card data reference and gift card represented by the gift card data reference match at least a portion of the order data; and
(g) shipping the gift card combined with the personalized greeting card to a designated recipient.--.

Claim 34, After computer network comprises a, please delete "tangible"; after usable please insert --storage--;
Part b after maintaining in memory please insert --order--;
Part c) after greeting card, please delete " template" , then insert --templates--;
Part d) after code for printing, please delete "on demand--; after data reference thereon; please delete "and";
Part e) after program code for; delete " generating", then insert --printing--; before separate, please insert --with a process--; after separate from the, please insert -printing of the--;
Part f) after data reference to determine, please delete " a relationship therebetween", then insert -- if said references match at least a portion of the same order data; and
(g) program code for enabling shipping of the gift card combined with the personalized greeting card to a designated recipient if said references match at least a portion of the same order data.—

Claim 35, part e) after program logic for, delete "generating" and insert --printing--;
Before separate from the, please insert --with a process--;
After separate from the, please insert --printing of the --;
Part f) after data reference to determine, please delete " a relationship therebetween", then insert -- if said references match at least a portion of the same order data;
(g) program logic for comparing the greeting card data reference and the gift card data reference to determine if said references match at least a portion of the same order data; and

(h) program logic for enabling shipping of the gift card combined with the personalized greeting card to a designated recipient if said references match at least a portion of the same order data. --

Please cancel claims 2-3, 13-14, 18-19, and 29.

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: the prior art of record to Small fails to teach as a whole the steps of maintaining in memory order data associating said one greeting card template and any user defined modifications thereto with a gift card; printing on demand a personalized greeting card comprising the identified greeting card template in conjunction with any user defined modifications thereto and greeting card data reference thereon; printing a gift card with a process separate and apart from the printing of the greeting card, the gift card having a gift card data reference thereon; comparing the greeting card data reference and the gift card data reference to determine if said references match the order data; combining the gift card with the personalized greeting card; and shipping the gift card combined with the personalized greeting card to a designated recipient.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Frantz B. Jean whose telephone number is 571-272-3937. The examiner can normally be reached on 8:30-6:00 M-f.

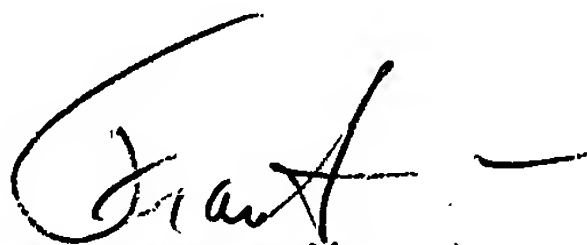
If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Nathan J. Flynn can be reached on 571-272-1915. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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